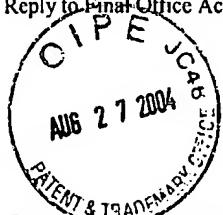


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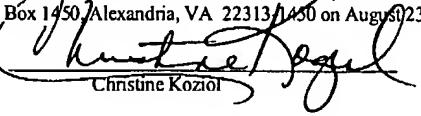
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the following remarks.

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